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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EDITORIAL ENTITLED "PIRACY AS POLICY"
FROM SEPTEMBER 29 OTTAWA JOURNAL:

BEGIN TEXT. THE ELECTRIC CURTAIN FALLS A FEW FEET MORE. THE NARCISSISTIC NATIONALISTS WHO CONTROL THE CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION HAVE ORDERED CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES IN TORONTO AND HAMILTON--OTTAWA IS SAID TO BE IN LINE FOR THE SAME EDICT--TO DELETE THE AMERICAN COMMERCIALS FROM AMERICAN TELEVISION PROGRAMMING CARRIED OVER THEIR CABLE SYSTEMS. TAKE THE PROGRAMS. ENJOY THE PROGRAMS. BUT STEAL THEM. IT IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT PIRACY HAS BEEN OFFICIAL PUBLIC POLICY. CANADIANS ARE DISGUSTED BY THIS BLATANT DISREGARD OF NATURAL JUSTICE. IF THE PRIVATE SECTOR PROPOSED SUCH THIEVERY, SOUNDS OF MORAL INDIGNATION WOULD RISE TO THE HIGH HEAVENS, THE LOUDEST SOUNDS OF ALL EMITTED BY THE CRTC WHICH HOLDS BUSINESS IN IMPERIOUS DISDAIN. (IT IS ALWAYS EASY
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TO HAVE DISTAIN FOR BUSINESS WHEN ONE'S SALARY IS BEING PAID

FROM THE PUBLIC PURSE.) AMERICANS SHOULD PROTEST TO THEIR
GOVERNMENT. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROTEST TO THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD CUT THE
CRTC DOWN TO SIZE. (BUT WHAT WILL PIERRE JUNEAU SAY?)
STEALING THE PRODUCTS OF OTHER MEN'S IMAGINATION AND TALENTS
AND INVESTMENT SHOULD BE NO PART OF ANY POLICY TO PROTECT
CANADIAN PROGRAMMING. THE CRASS HYPOCRISY AND MORAL BANK-
RUPTCY OF THE CRTC IS BEYOND BELIEF. CANADIANS DISOWN IT
ALL. END TEXT.
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